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MEMORANDUM

From: Director of Central Intelligence
To: Deputy Chief, Naval Operations (Administration)
Subject: Request for Schedule B Authorization for Central Intelligence Group Positions

After careful consideration of the procedures to be followed under the Civil Service rules and regulations with respect to excepted positions under Schedule A or Schedule B authority, it is my desire that all civilian positions from your departments which are allotted to the Central Intelligence Group be made under Schedule B authority.

It is therefore requested that you seek permission from the Civil Service Commission for your Department to make all civilian appointments to positions assigned exclusively to the Central Intelligence Group activities under Schedule B without regard to the registers maintained by the Commission upon approval of the qualifications of the appointee. This request is based on the fact that the work performed by the Central Intelligence Group will be of a secret nature requiring that all personnel of the Central Intelligence Group be subjected to a searching investigation to determine their qualifications, character, trustworthiness, and loyalty. It is not believed desirable to hold open competitive Civil Service examinations for positions assigned exclusively to the Central Intelligence Group because of the attendant publicity developing from the announcement of such examinations. It is believed that this should apply to all positions whether such positions are clerical, research, planning, or administrative in nature.

Sidney W. Sowers **SIGNED**
Director

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